



**4310-VH-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)**

**[Docket ID BSEE-2013-0013; OMB Control Number 1014-0011; 134E1700D2  
EEEE500000 ET1SF0000.DAQ000]**

**Information Collection Activities: Platforms and Structures; Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BSEE is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns a renewal to the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart I, *Platforms and Structures*.

**DATE:** You must submit comments by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below:

- Electronically: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled *Enter Keyword or ID*, enter BSEE-2013-0013 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.
- Email [nicole.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nicole.mason@bsee.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia

20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0011 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Mason, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1605 to request additional information about this ICR.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** 30 CFR part 250, Subpart I, *Platforms and Structures*.

**OMB Control Number:** 1014-0011.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of the Act related to the mineral resources on the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease, right-of-way, or a right-of-use and easement.

Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

In addition to the general rulemaking authority of the OCSLA at 43 U.S.C. 1334, section 301(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1751(a), grants authority to the Secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out FOGRMA's provisions. While the majority of FOGRMA is directed to royalty collection and enforcement, some provisions apply to

offshore operations. For example, section 108 of FOGPMA, 30 U.S.C. 1718, grants the Secretary broad authority to inspect lease sites for the purpose of determining whether there is compliance with the mineral leasing laws. Section 109(c)(2) and (d)(1), 30 U.S.C. 1719(c)(2) and (d)(1), impose substantial civil penalties for failure to permit lawful inspections and for knowing or willful preparation or submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading reports, records, or other information. Because the Secretary has delegated some of the authority under FOGPMA to BSEE, 30 U.S.C. 1751 is included as additional authority for these requirements.

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996), and OMB Circular A-25, authorize Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that confer special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's implementing policy, BSEE is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those that accrue to the public at large. Several requests for approval required in Subpart I are subject to cost recovery, and BSEE regulations specify service fees for these requests.

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are among those delegated to BSEE to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. This ICR addresses the regulations at 30 CFR part 250, Subpart I, and the associated supplementary notices to lessees and operators (NTLs) intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations.

We use the information to determine the structural integrity of all OCS platforms and floating production facilities and to ensure that such integrity will be maintained throughout the useful life of these structures. We use the information to ascertain, on a case-by-case basis, that the fixed and floating platforms and structures are structurally sound and safe for their intended use to ensure safety of personnel and prevent pollution. More specifically, we use the information to:

- Review data concerning damage to a platform to assess the adequacy of proposed repairs.
- Review applications for platform construction (construction is divided into three phases—design, fabrication, and installation) to ensure the structural integrity of the platform.
- Review verification plans and third-party reports for unique platforms to ensure that all nonstandard situations are given proper consideration during the platform design, fabrication, and installation.
- Review platform design, fabrication, and installation records to ensure that the platform is constructed according to approved applications.
- Review inspection reports to ensure that platform integrity is maintained for the life of the platform.

We protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197 and 30 CFR 252, which addresses disclosure of data and information to be made available to the public. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain a benefit.

**Frequency:** On occasion, weekly, monthly, semi-annually, annually, and as a result of situations encountered depending upon the requirements.

**Description of Respondents:** Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur lessees and/or operators.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 116,341 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

[GPO: Please set the following table with bold headings and both horizontal and vertical lines.]

#### BURDEN BREAKDOWN

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart I and related NTLs	Reporting and/or Recordkeeping Requirement	Hour Burden	Average No. of Annual Reponses	Annual Burden Hours
		Non-Hour Cost Burdens*		
General Requirements for Platforms				
900(b), (c), (e); 901(b); 905; 906; 910(c), (d); 911(c), (g); 912; 913; 919; NTL(s)  [PAP 904- 908; PVP 909-918]	Submit application, along with reports/surveys and relevant data, to install new platform or floating production facility or significant changes to approved applications, including but not limited to: summary of safety factors utilized in design of the platform; use of alternative codes, rules, or standards; CVA changes; and Platform Verification Program (PVP) plan for design, fabrication and installation of new, fixed, bottom-founded, pile-supported, or concrete-gravity platforms and new floating platforms. Consult as required with BSEE and/or USCG. Re/Submit application for major modification(s)/repairs to any platform and obtain approval; and related requirements.	102	89 applications	9,078
		\$22,734 x 2 PVP = \$45,468		
		\$3,256 x 10 fixed structure = \$32,560		
		\$1,657 x 27 Caisson/Well Protector = \$44,739		
		\$3,884 x 50 modifications/repairs = \$194,200		
900(b)(4)	Submit application for approval to convert an existing platform for a new purpose.	60	5 applications	300

900(b)(5)	Submit application for approval to convert an existing mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) for a new purpose.	120	2 applications	240
900(c)	Notify BSEE within 24 hours of damage and emergency repairs and request approval of repairs. Submit written completion report within 1 week upon completion of repairs.	4	12 notices/ requests; reports	48
		20		240
900(e)	Submit platform installation date and the final as-built location data to the Regional Supervisor within 45 days after platform installation.	20	140 submittals	2,800
900(e)	Resubmit an application for approval to install a platform if it was not installed within 1 year after approval (or other date specified by BSEE).	50	5 applications	250
901(b)	Request approval for alternative codes, rules, or standards.	Burden covered under 30 CFR 250, Subpart A, 1014-0022.		0
903	Record original and relevant material test results of all primary structural materials; retain records during all stages of construction. Compile, retain, and provide location/make available to BSEE for the functional life of platform, the as-built drawings, design assumptions/analyses, summary of nondestructive examination records, inspection results, and records of repair not covered elsewhere.	160	130 lessees	20,800
903(c); 905(k)	Submit certification statement [a certification statement is not considered information collection under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1); the burden is for the insertion of the location of the records on the statement and the submittal to BSEE].	This statement is submitted with the application.		0
Subtotal			383 responses	33,756 hours
			\$317,967 Non-Hour Cost Burdens	
Platform Verification Program				
911(c-e); 912(a-c); 914;	Submit complete schedule of all phases of design, fabrication, and installation with required information; also submit Gantt Chart with required information and required nomination/documentation for CVA, or to be performed by CVA.	130	5 schedules	650
912(a)	Submit design verification plans with your DPP or DOCD.	Burden covered under 30 CFR 550, Subpart B, 1010-0151.		0
913(a)	Resubmit a changed design, fabrication, or installation verification plan for approval.	60	2 plans	120
916(c)	Submit interim and final CVA reports and recommendations on design phase.	250	10 reports	2,500
917(a), (c)	Submit interim and final CVA reports and recommendations on fabrication phase, including notices to BSEE and operator/lessee of fabrication procedure changes or design specification modifications.	150	10 reports	1,500
918(c)	Submit interim and final CVA reports and	130	10 reports	1,300

	recommendations on installation phase.			
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>37 responses</b>	<b>6,070 hours</b>
<b>Inspection, Maintenance, and Assessment of Platforms</b>				
919(a)	Develop in-service inspection plan and keep on file. Submit annual (November 1 of each year) report on inspection of platforms or floating production facilities, including summary of testing results.	130	130 lessees	16,900
919(b) NTL	After an environmental event, submit to Regional Supervisor initial report followed by updates and supporting information.	25 (initial)	150 reports	3,750
		15 (update)	90 reports	1,350
919(c) NTL	Submit results of inspections, description of any damage, assessment of structure to withstand conditions, and remediation plans.	150	200 results	30,000
920(a)	Demonstrate platform is able to withstand environmental loadings for appropriate exposure category.	30	400 occurrences	12,000
920(c)	Submit application and obtain approval from the Regional Supervisor for mitigation actions (includes operational procedures).	40	200 applications	8,000
920(e)	Submit a list of all platforms you operate, and appropriate supporting data, every 5 years or as directed by the Regional Supervisor.	100	130 operators / 5 years = 26 per year	2,600
920(f)	Obtain approval from the Regional Supervisor for any change in the platform.	50	2 approvals	100
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>1,198 responses</b>	<b>74,700 hours</b>
<b>General Departure</b>				
900 thru 921	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in Subpart I regulations.	10	10 requests	100 hours
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>10 responses</b>	<b>100 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL BURDEN</b>			<b>1,628 Responses</b>	<b>114,626 Hours</b>
			<b>\$316,967 Non-Hour Cost Burdens</b>	

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:** We have identified four non-hour cost burdens for various platform applications/installations. The platform fees are as follows: \$22,734 for installation under the Platform Verification Program; \$3,256 for installation of fixed structures under the Platform Approval Program; \$1,657 for installation of Caisson/Well Protectors; and \$3,884 for modifications and/or repairs (see § 250.125). We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens

associated with this collection of information, and we estimate a total reporting non-hour cost burden of \$316,967.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .”.

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

Agencies must also estimate the non-hour paperwork cost burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have other than hour burden costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. For further information on this burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1) and (2), or contact the Bureau representative listed previously in this notice.



We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

**Public Comment Procedures:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**BSEE Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Cheryl Blundon (703) 787-1607.

Dated: January 9, 2014.

Robert W. Middleton, PhD., Deputy Chief,  
Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

[FR Doc. 2014-00712 Filed 01/15/2014 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 01/16/2014]